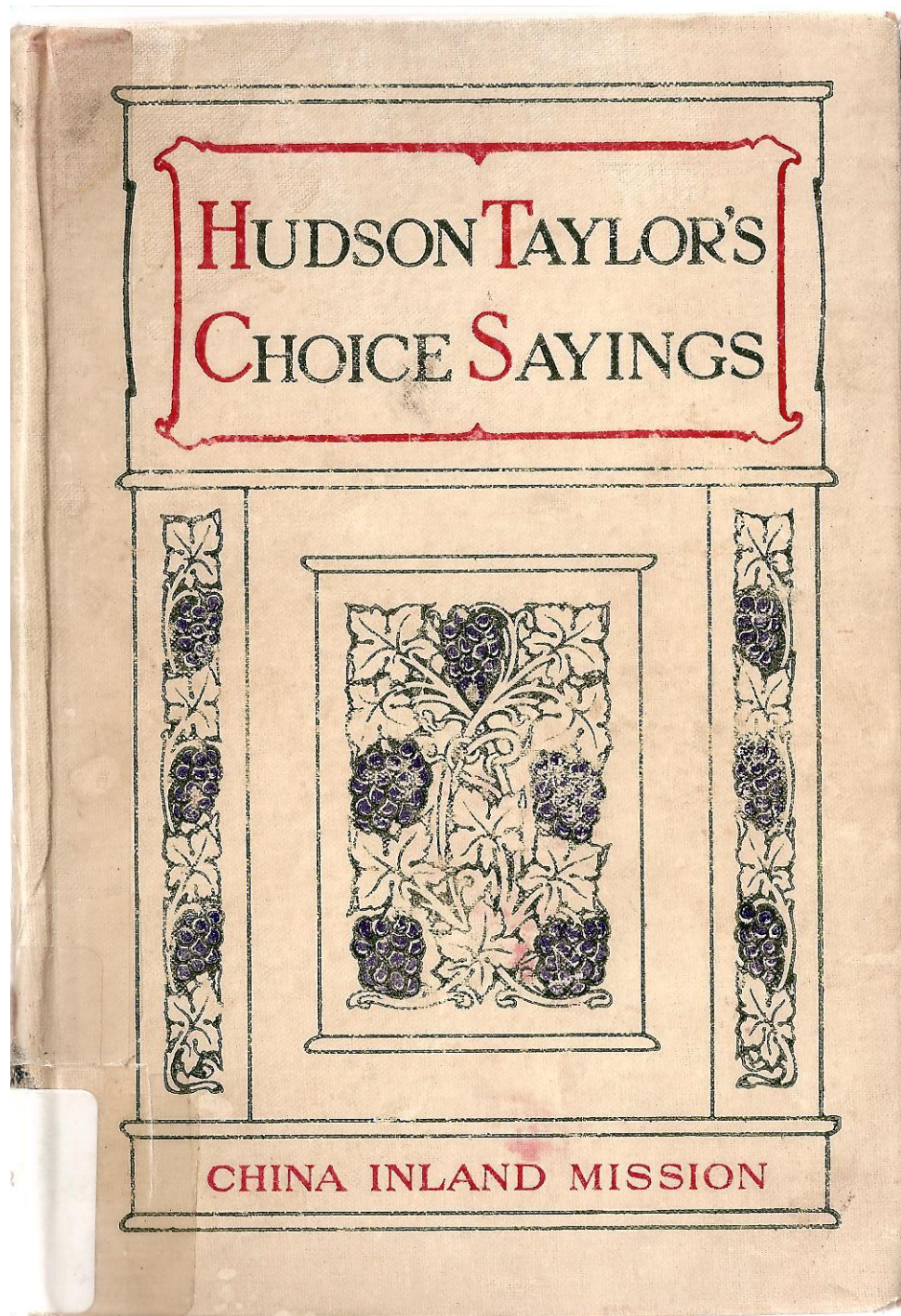


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"Dr. TAYLOR had sagacity and insight—the essential traits that go to make up a proverbialist. If his choice sayings or proverbial utterances were carefully compiled it would be found that they present a body of wisdom upon practical matters pertaining to the spiritual life, not easily equalled. [They] deserve to be embalmed in the literature of the century."

—REV. ARTHUR T. PIERSON, D.D.

PREFACE.

THE Christian experience of the late Mr. Hudson Taylor combined two characteristics, not often found so clearly marked in the same individual. When quite a young believer he was led to shape his conduct in a simple and direct accord with the precepts laid down in the New Testament for the guidance of the followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, with the result that his manner of life was marked by great simplicity and even self-denial, the outcome, not of asceticism, but of a clear perception of what it involved to be a witness to Christ and His Gospel amongst men. He saw that the recorded teaching of our Lord consisted largely of the presentation of a certain type of character for the disciple, not only in relation to

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	<p>his Heavenly Father, but also to his fellow men, which type alone was to be regarded as Christian.</p> <p>Just as in the New Testament the doctrines of union with the Risen Christ and the life of abiding in Him, adumbrated in the Gospels, were not fully unfolded until later on in the Epistles, so it was in the personal experience of Mr. Taylor. Whilst, during his earlier years, leading a life of singular self-devotion, and also experiencing in a marked degree the guidance and sustaining power of God in the service to which he was called, it was not till after a number of years in China that he was led to apprehend in a fuller and more effectual measure than hitherto, the real nature of the life of faith, through which alone the settled experience of rest and victory in the midst of trial and temptation can be known by the Christian. From that time onwards, whilst the same standard of unstinted self-sacrifice and self-emptying on behalf of others continued to govern his conduct, his life and teaching bore testimony, in a manner not realised before, to the power of the indwelling Christ to satisfy and to keep the soul committed</p>	
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	<p>to Him in simple trust. And herein, it may be said, lay the source of his strong and wide influence. On the one hand, men and women living lives of poverty and toil, exposed to peril and privation, as they listened to him discoursing on the life in Christ, were not tempted to wonder how far the Christ of the Gospels had ever really been taken by him as his standard of life; on the other hand, those who knew most of the unremitting toil and constant strain on nerve and brain which his ministry involved, were the most impressed with the reality of his inward peace as evidenced by the quiet restfulness of his bearing and the habitual sweetness and gentle courtesy of his demeanour. His tender sympathy with the sick and sorrowing, his patience under ill-treatment, his affectionate solicitude for the comfort and convenience of others, added a singular charm to his personality, and were a means of deepening the confidence and affection of those who had, in the first instance, been attracted to him by observing the intensity of his devotion and his qualities as a practical leader. There are many whose hearts are still deeply moved as they look back on the life of that truly remark-</p>	
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able man, and who regard it as a privilege of the highest kind to have known him, and to have felt the inspiration of his life and example.

The following extracts from Mr. Taylor's writings are issued in the hope that, fragmentary as they are, they may be a means of strengthening and encouragement to many readers—both of those who have heard and read him in the past, and also of those who did not enjoy that advantage.

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	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
	<p>"A word spoken in due season, how good it is." —Prov. xv. 23.</p> <p>"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." —Prov. xxv. 11.</p> <p>x.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	1
<p>I.</p> <p>Abiding in Christ.</p> <p>If we pour a glass of wine into a glass of water, and mix them, the water will be in the wine, and the wine in the water. So in a like manner all that we do, while our own acts, should be manifestations of the indwelling Saviour.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>The fruit we bear should be the fruit of the vine—fruit of the Spirit, and not works of the flesh. But union is not identical with abiding: <u>union is uninterrupted</u>, but <u>abiding may be interrupted</u>. If abiding be interrupted, sin follows.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>If each worker realizes himself as a temple of the living God, an instrument possessed and governed and used by the Almighty, there is no place for discouragement. Before Him, the hard, dry rock shall be turned into a pool, the flint into a fountain of waters.</p>	

2	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
Abiding in Christ.	<p>Communion with Christ requires our coming to Him. Meditating upon His person, and His work requires the diligent use of the means of grace, and specially the prayerful reading of His Word. <u>Many fail to abide because they habitually fast instead of feed.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>It is the peculiarity of feeding upon Christ, the spiritual food, that it is the means by which the life is received, as well as the means by which it is maintained. In this it differs from earthly food, which, while it maintains life, cannot first impart it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>The Fathers ate manna in the wilderness, and died; the manna itself was perishable food, and could only sustain a perishable life. Christ is imperishable food, and therefore the life which He imparts and sustains is eternal.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>"I am the Vine." Not any part of the vine, but the whole vine. The root is not the vine, nor is the stem, nor the branches. The vine is the whole tree—root, trunk, branches, twigs, leaves, flowers, fruit, all are included.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	3
Abiding in Christ.	<p>"If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth (is cleansing) us from all sin." Its action is present, ever present, because there is need, constant need, that sinful creatures should be cleansed. Our highest, holiest services need cleansing. The sinful heart is kept from overt acts of sinning, but it is sinful still.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>"Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not." "These things write I unto you that ye sin not." Formerly we were in bondage to sin, could not but sin. Now we are set free from sin's dominion, and may and should yield ourselves wholly to Christ, and bring forth fruit to Him alone.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Union with Christ, and abiding in Christ, what do they not secure? Peace, perfect peace; rest, constant rest; answers to all our prayers; victory over all our foes; pure, holy living; ever-increasing fruitfulness. All, all of these are the glad outcome of abiding in Christ.</p>

4	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
Abiding in Christ.	<p>We are benefited by the atonement and righteousness of Christ, as imputed to us: as life, and freedom, and power; but more than this, we are made one with Him, that we may enjoy the blessings of salvation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>"Abide in Me." Let us take special notice of the word "abide." Sometimes it is rendered "continue," sometimes "remain," at others "tarry," "dwell," etc. The idea it conveys is of rest, rather than of labour or motion; of enjoyment of already attained position, and not of seeking, striving, journeying.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>The words "Abide in Me and I in you," pre-suppose a vital union as already existing between ourselves and the Lord Jesus, and exhort us to live in the power and enjoyment of this union.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>"I am the Vine: ye are the branches." The branch gets nothing out of the vine, it enjoys all in the vine. So we are in Christ; are, indeed, His fruit-bearing members.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	5
Abiding in Christ.	<p>We are saved by faith, and we live by faith. Christ must dwell in our hearts by faith. The Jews were cut off because of unbelief, and we stand by faith. But we must not be occupied about our faith, but about the object of faith. Not with the laws of optics, nor with the power or construction of the eye must we be occupied, if we would enjoy a beautiful landscape; we must look at it and feast upon it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Christ not only uses the present tense in saying, "I am the Vine," but also uses the same tense in "Ye are the branches." His word to us here is not, Seek for a higher Christian life, Strive for some coveted attainment, which falls to the lot of few, but, Count on what I am, and what is now your relation to Me, and just live on in the joy of it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>"I am the Vine, ye are the branches." Here let us note our Saviour's "I am," "ye are." We have not to learn how to become branches: "ye are the branches."</p>

6	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
Abiding in Christ.	<p>We, who feed on Christ, are not abiding in Him and He in us merely when we direct our thoughts towards Him, feed on Him by faith, enjoy special communion with Him, but all day long and all night long; as much so when we are unconscious of His special presence as when conscious of it. For it is not written "To eat is to abide"; nor yet, "While you are eating you are abiding"; but, "He who can and does eat My flesh, and drink My blood, is dwelling, abiding, in Me and I in him."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>"Abide in Me." The little word "in" requires more than a passing notice. It is not used in the sense of within, as when the less is contained within the greater. As used in our text, it implies union with, vital connection with, identification of life with its object.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>The crowning blessing of abiding in Christ is found in the assurance that, "Herein is My Father glorified."</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	7
<p>From the consciousness of union springs the power to abide. Let us, then—not seek, not wait, not pursue—but now accept by faith the Saviour's word—"Ye are the branches."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>As the water in the mingled cup cannot be tasted without the flavour of the wine, so should a sweet savour of Christ pervade all that a believer is and does.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>If there was more true abiding in Christ, there would be less selfish abiding at home.</p>	Abiding in Christ.

8	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
	<p>II.</p> <p>Devotion.</p> <p>Do we sufficiently cultivate this unselfish desire to be all for Jesus, and to do all for His pleasure? Or are we conscious that, we principally go to Him for our own sakes, or at best for the sake of our fellow creatures? How much of prayer there is that begins and ends with the creature, forgetful of the privilege of giving joy to the Creator.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>The consecration of all to our Master, far from lessening our power to impart, increases both our power and our joy in ministration. The five loaves and two fishes of the disciples, first given up to and blessed by the Lord, were abundant supply for the needy multitudes, and grew, in the act of distribution, into a store of which twelve hampers full of fragments remained when all were fully satisfied.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	9
<p>True devotion will rather ask to be allowed to give, and will count as loss all which may not be given up for the Lord's sake—"I count all things but loss, for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>It is comparatively easy to lay the sacrifice on the altar that sanctifies the gift, but it requires divine compulsion—the cords of love—to retain it there.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>I scarcely knew whether she or I was the more blessed—so real, so constant, so satisfying was His presence, so deep my delight in the consciousness that His will was being done; and that that will, which was utterly crushing me, was good, was wise, was best.</p>	<p>Devo- tion.</p>

10	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
	<p>III.</p> <p>Faith.</p> <p>Mix the Word with faith, and you will find that His yoke is easy, His burden light. He will finish His work in you.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>To those who recognise this supernatural power the life of faith is no dubious uncertainty, the path of faith is no hazardous speculation.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>As the light which shines from the dark waters of the lake is the reflection of the sun's rays, so man's faith is the impress and reflection of God's faith.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>People say, "Lord, increase our faith." Did not the Lord rebuke His disciples for that prayer? He said, "You do not want a great faith, but faith in a great God. If your faith were as small as a grain of mustard-seed, it would suffice to remove this mountain!"</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	11
<p>Now, my need is great and urgent ; God is greater and more near ; and because He is and is what He is, all will be, must be well.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>Oh ! the joy of knowing the living God, of seeing the living God, of resting on the living God. I am but His agent. He will look after His own honour, provide for His own servants, and supply all our need according to His own riches, you helping by your prayers, and work of faith, and labour of love.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>It is no small blessing in this world of unrest and of sin when the glorious truth, "The Lord God Omnipotent reigneth," takes possession of the heart of the child of God.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>Let us wait only upon God, asking Him, by any means, to bring us to feel safe with Himself, to go in His might and to trust in Him at all times.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>Oh, let Christian workers beware, lest in any degree God's good gifts be trusted instead of Himself !</p>	<p>Faith.</p>

12	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
Faith.	<p>Theoretically we know that "He doeth all things well," and that "All things work together for good to them that love God,"—but it is a triumph of faith which brings great glory to God when, in the time of nature's sorrow, the whole soul of the believer rejoicingly accepts the Lord's dealings.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>We must trust in Him; therefore we must seek to do His will. Preserved by Him we are as safe in the tempest as in the calm, on sea as on shore, beneath an eastern sky as in much-loved England. Without His protection we are safe nowhere, with it we are safe anywhere, and everywhere.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>We need a faith that rests on a great God, and which expects Him to keep His own word, and to do just what He has promised.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Every difficulty overcome by faith is "bread"—strength and nourishment—to the child of God. Such the Anakims might have proved to Israel; but Israel failed, as we too often fail, from want of faith.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	13
Faith.	<p>Let us seek to honour God with a full trust, and to serve Him with an unwavering confidence, and we shall find that of all His blessings, those that result from the things which unbelief most dreads are the choicest and most permanent.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>To borrow money implied, to my mind, a contradiction of Scripture—a confession that God had withheld some good thing, and a determination to get for ourselves what He had not given.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>I was never more satisfied we are where the Lord would have us to be than now. He is with us greatly blessing us, though how some of our difficulties are to be ended, I do not see. He sees, that is enough.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Satan may build a hedge about us and fence us in and hinder our movements, but he cannot roof us in and prevent our looking up.</p>

14	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
	<p>IV.</p> <p>Fellowship.</p> <p>There is no such thing in nature as an intermitting communication of life—as from the vine to the branch, from the body to the members. Should there be in grace? Does not Christ give us His peace, His joy—Himself—to be our constant life and peace and joy and power? “In Thy name shall they rejoice all the day.” “They shall walk, O Lord, in the light of Thy countenance.”</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>Did we know our God more fully, and walk more constantly in intimate fellowship with Him, we should less frequently be perplexed with the mysteries of His providential dealings.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>Nothing humbles the soul like sacred and intimate communion with the Lord; yet there is a sweet joy in feeling that He knows all, and, notwithstanding, loves us still.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	15
<p>Of Him as its source, through Him as its instrument, and to Him as its end, is all that is gracious and Divine. But He Himself is better far than all that His grace works in us.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>Wonderful thought! that God should desire fellowship with us; and that He whose love once made Him the Man of sorrows may now be made the Man of joys by the loving devotion of human hearts.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>If our Saviour says, “Go ye therefore and disciple all nations,” He precedes it by, “Lo, I am with you always.” Or if, as here, He calls His bride to come, it is still “with Me,” and it is in connection with this loving invitation that for the first time He changes the word “My love” for the still more endearing one “My bride.”</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>There is no time so profitably spent as the early hour given to Jesus only. Do we give sufficient attention to this hour? If possible, it should be redeemed; nothing can make up for it. We must take time to be holy!</p>	<p>Fellowship.</p>

16	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
Fellowship.	<p>Formerly one used to think so much of what He might be and should be to us—and this is very precious—but is it not a good thing to realize how much we may be to Him, and to be that to Him now, so that the Man of sorrows may be made as far as we are concerned the Man of joy in the little time that remains till He comes?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>The experience of most of us shows how easily communion with Christ may be broken, and how needful are the exhortations of our Lord to those who are indeed branches of the true Vine, and cleansed by the Word which He has spoken, to abide in Him. The failure is never on His side.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>The intense activity of our times may lead to zeal in service, to the neglect of personal communion; but such neglect will not only lessen the value of the service, but tend to incapacitate us for the highest service.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	17
Fellowship.	<p>The believer who would live a life of holiness and victory must realize himself as one with Christ. It is not sufficient that Christ made Himself one with us, and bore our curse and died the death due to us. We must know Him as the risen, the living, the reigning One, our Husband and our Friend, our Captain and our Lord.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Are we living habitually, in such nearness to the Lord Jesus that the gentlest intimation of His wish comes to us with the force of a command, and with the consciousness that some way or other it is possible to obey?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Study the habit of delight in God. This is a most valuable law of life—it gets out of our way all unrepented sin, all hindrances to fellowship and communion. The joy of the Lord is our strength.</p>

18	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
	<p>V.</p> <p>Fruitbearing.</p> <p>Abiding in Christ, the very Christ-life itself abides in us, enabling us to bear much fruit. But as we aim at being fruitful, we find our need of intelligent understanding of the Divine methods, in order that we may apply them in our own work.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>The branch of the vine does not worry, and toil, and rush here to seek for sunshine, and there to find rain. No ; it rests in union and communion with the vine ; and at the right time, and in the right way, is the right fruit found on it. Let us so abide in the Lord Jesus</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	19
<p>Works do not show the character of the worker, but only his skill : a bad man may make a good chair. Works, again, may be good and useful, but do not propagate themselves. Fruit, on the contrary, reveals the character of the fruit-bearer, and has its seed in itself—is reproductive.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>We did not become believers by struggling, but by trusting in what Christ had done for us ; so we shall become fruitful by trusting the same Saviour to work in and through us.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>Not only does the great Husbandman remove the fruitless branches, but He purges (cleanses) the fruitful ones, that they may bring forth more fruit.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>Now, as to fruitfulness, the question is not what you are, nor what you can do. "I am the true Vine" ; and further, the cultivation, on which so much depends, is in unerring hands—"My Father is the Husbandman." He turns our thoughts away from self altogether, and practically says, "Believe in God, believe also in Me."</p>	Fruit-bearing.

20	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
Fruit-bearing.	<p>The Word of God shows clearly that abiding is the condition of fruitfulness, of bearing much fruit, and fruit which shall remain (unlike that blown from the tree ere it ripen and come to perfection). Further, that when so abiding in Christ, and having His Word abiding in us, our prayers are all answered, and our walk is in the light, and in accordance with God's holy will.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>If we do not abide in Him, it is not that we bear less fruit or inferior fruit, but apart from Him we can do nothing. It is either fruit—good, much, and abiding, in which God is greatly glorified and man greatly benefited—or, no fruit at all.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>"I am the true Vine." The first two words "I am," give us the key to the whole secret of fruitfulness; may they ever be written in large letters upon our hearts! Not what we are, but what He is; not what we do, but what His life works in and through us, is the question of moment. "From Me is thy fruit found." He is the true Worker; He is the true Fruit-bearer.</p>

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Fruit-bearing.	<p>A poor widow once pleased the Lord with two mites; a woman who was a sinner, with her love, and tears and alabaster box of ointment; and Mary, already beloved, lavished on Him no less than "a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly," and breaking the box of alabaster, poured it upon His head, and anointed His feet, wiping them with her hair, so that "the house was filled with the odour." Oh! for more of this uncalculating love—self-forgetful, world-unmindful, soul-ravishing love.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>No mightier power has been entrusted to us than that true sympathy which identifies itself with those whom it seeks to benefit; it carries the heart captive. To get close access to the hearts of the people is our great aim; to win their confidence and love our daily object.</p>

22	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
	<p>VI.</p> <p>God's Care.</p> <p>Ought we not to believe that if we only are God-sent men and God-sent women going to serve Him and not to please ourselves; going to follow His guidance and to do His work, He is sure to sustain us?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>It is cheering to remember that for the sake of His own Name, and of His own glory, as well as for the sake of His great love, the full supply of all our needs is guaranteed by our relationship to Him as our Shepherd. A lean, scraggy sheep, with torn limbs and tattered fleece, would be small credit to the shepherd's care; but unless we will wander from Him, and will not remain restfully under His protection, there is no fear of such ever being our lot.</p>

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<p>We may lie down in peace, and sleep in safety, because the Shepherd of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps. No lion or bear can ever surprise our ever-watchful Guardian, or overcome our Almighty Deliverer. He has once laid down His life for the sheep; but now He ever liveth to care for them, and to ensure to them all that is needful for this life, and for that which is to come.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>"The Lord is my Shepherd." He saith not was; he saith not may be, or will be. "The Lord is my Shepherd"—is on Sunday, is on Monday, and is through every day of the week; is in January, and is in December, and in every month of the year; is at home, and is in China; is in peace, and is in war; in abundance, and in penury.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Let us live in the joy of the truth here pointed out: "The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want;" and let us learn to trust for others as well as for ourselves. Not only are the sheep of the flock safe, but the little lambs—about which the ewes may be more solicitous than about their own safety—are all under the same guardian Eye, and the same Shepherd's care.</p>	<p>God's Care.</p>

24	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
God's Care.	<p>"He restoreth my soul; He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake." This verse suggests two most comforting thoughts: (1) Fresh supplies of strength, fresh supplies of grace and of Christian joy, as the exigencies of service may require; and (2) leading, guidance—guidance in right paths; than which no assurances could be more encouraging to the heart of those who are conscious of their own tendency to make mistakes as to the path of service, and to run down or wear out under its strain.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>"Pastures of tender grass." It might indeed have been said: "He gives me to see the pastures of tender grass"; or, still more, "He permits me to journey through the green pastures"; or even, "to refresh myself while on my way, by feeding on the tender grass." Any of these privileges would have been a priceless boon; but how far do they fall short of the actual words of this verse. The lying down suggests such sweet rest; and not merely rest, but satisfaction; for a hungry, unsatisfied sheep would need to feed and not to lie down.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	25
God's Care.	<p>And yet mere common-sense ought to tell us that He, whose way is perfect, can make no mistakes; that He who has promised to "perfect that which concerneth" us, and whose minute care counts the very hairs of our heads, and forms for us our circumstances, must know better than we the way to forward our truest interests and to glorify His own Name.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>In the measure in which we truly recognise Him as our Lord and ourselves as His possession will it be easy to "put our trust" in Him. Do not we all take the charge of those things that we purchase? If the shepherd purchase a flock of sheep, does he not intend to provide for and take care of them? And the more they cost the more carefully will he tend them. Our Good Shepherd has paid for us an infinite price, and we are not merely the sheep of His pasture and the subjects of His Kingdom, but are members of that Church which is the bride whom He loves. Well may we "put our trust" in Him who loves us with love so unique and unparalleled!</p>

26	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
God's Care.	<p>We are finite in our wisdom and in our resources, and often can only give to one of two deserving objects, or must divide one gift between them. Not so our Father. He does not rob one to enrich another, but does the best for each, the best for all.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>God could just as well fill our mouths with manna in China as in Arabia; and He has many other ways in which He might help us. But God loves you, brethren, and He knows that you cannot do without giving. You cannot afford not to give.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>God owns all the gold and silver in the world, and the cattle on a thousand hills. We need not be vegetarians.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>I do not believe that our Heavenly Father will ever forget His children. I am a very poor father, but it is not my habit to forget my children. God is a very, very good Father. It is not His habit to forget His children.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	27
God's Care.	<p>It would have been a wonderful exhibition of condescending grace had our Lord Jesus from heaven spoken the leper clean; but far more wonderful and far more touching too, was that grace which led Him to become man, and as man to lay His hand on the polluted one.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>True love cannot be stationary; it must either decline or grow.</p>

28	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
	<p>VII.</p> <p>God's Faithfulness.</p> <p>Oh! beloved friends, if there is a living God, faithful and true, let us hold His faithfulness. If there is an eternity of bliss, of reward for those who love Him—if He will verily withhold no good thing from those who walk uprightly, let us "Hold God's faithfulness," and walk worthy of Him.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>Holding His faithfulness, we may face with calm and sober but confident, assurance of victory, every difficulty and danger. We may count on grace for the work, on pecuniary aid, on needful facilities, and on ultimate success. Let us not give Him a partial trust, but daily, hourly serve Him, "holding God's faithfulness."</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>How many Christians go mourning, and lose joy, strength and opportunities of helping others, because they do not hold God's faithfulness!</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	29
<p>All God's giants have been weak men, who did great things for God because they reckoned on His being with them.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>What should we think of the merchant who, though his clerk worked well, did not pay him any wages? Or what should we think of the mistress who took her servant's labour and did not supply her with her board? Ought we to expect less of our God and our Father?</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>How glad one is now, not only to know, with dear Miss Havergal, that— "They who trust Him wholly, Find Him wholly true," but also that when we fail to trust fully He still remains unchangingly faithful. He is wholly true whether we trust or not.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>The man who holds God's faith will dare to obey Him, however impolitic it may appear. Abraham held God's faith, and offered up Isaac, accounting that God was able to raise him up. Moses held God's faith and led the millions of Israel into the waste-howling wilderness.</p>	<p>God's Faithfulness.</p>

30	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
God's Faithfulness.	<p>"If we believe not, He abideth faithful; He cannot deny Himself." But oh, how we dishonour our Lord whenever we fail to trust Him, and what peace, blessing, and triumph we lose in thus sinning against the Faithful One! May we never again presume in anything to doubt Him!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>How easy it is with money in the pocket and food in the cupboard to think that one has faith in God. But oh! when our faith fails, His faithfulness stands sure.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Want of trust is at the root of almost all our sins and all our weaknesses; and how shall we escape from it, but by looking to Him, and observing His faithfulness?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>As in terrestrial things, a falling object must continue to fall unless arrested, so the consequences of man's sin must have gone on for ever and for ever had no Deliverer been found. "But God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	31
<p>How inconsistent unbelief always is!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>None of the proceedings of God are arbitrary: all the acts and all the requirements of perfect wisdom and of perfect goodness must of necessity be wise and good. We are required to do well, because well-doing is the best thing for ourselves, the best thing for all others, and brings most glory to God.</p>	God's Faithfulness.

32	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
	<p>VIII.</p> <p>God's Word.</p> <p>The living God still lives, and the living Word is a living word, and we may depend upon it; we may hang upon any word that God ever spoke, or ever caused by His Holy Spirit to be written.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>If the Bible were not true, the sooner we found it out and threw it aside the better; but if it is true, the sooner we live up to it and act up to it the better. If any of you were offered a Bank of England note, whether for five pounds or five thousand pounds, you would never doubt the value of it. You would take the words printed on it as sure. And are not the words printed in this book as sure? No part of the book is unworthy of our credit. It is either God's word or it is not what it is represented to be.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	33
<p>It is well to be fully assured of the verbal and plenary inspiration of God's Holy Word, and very striking to notice how important arguments in Scripture sometimes turn on the word used, and sometimes even on the accidence of the word. As an illustration of the first, we may refer to our Saviour's argument for the Resurrection. This He demonstrates in a very simple manner from the use of the word for God, a word that indicates the relationship of a living God with a living people: "He is not the God of the dead, but of the living."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>The remarkable argument of St. Paul that Christ is the seed of David is based on the number of the word "seed." "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, 'And to seeds,' as of many: but as of one, 'And to thy seed,' which is Christ" (Galatians iii. 16). Let us, therefore, take our full measure of comfort from the passage with which we head this article (Ps. xxiii. 1), and not be afraid of building on each word, and even on its mood and tense.</p>	<p>God's Word.</p>

34	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
God's Word.	<p>The best evidence of Christianity is a Christ-like life, and the best evidence of the inspiration of the Word of God is found in the Word itself: when studied, loved, obeyed, and trusted, it never disappoints, never misleads, never fails.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Why is so much time worse than wasted over criticism of different books [of the Bible]? What is needed is the humble, reverent, prayerful meditation of those who are determined to do the will of God; to such the guidance of the Spirit is promised, and the Divine perfections of the Word are revealed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Is there anything of human manufacture that is not easily proved to be man's work when tested by the microscope? It reveals imperfections in the finest workmanship; while under similar treatment the minutest object of God's creation is only shown to be more marvellously perfect. There is the same difference between man's word and God's Word, the latter tried by appropriate tests is proved to be Divine.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	35
God's Word.	<p>"The word of the Lord is tried" (Ps. xviii. 30), or, as the margin has it, "refined;" that is, like gold refined it is all pure metal, may all and altogether be depended upon. The words of Scripture are the words of God, and not of man, though written through man's agency.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>We may lose much of the clear teaching of the Word of God, and of the benefit to be derived from the Divinely-recorded experiences of Christ, and of His early followers, from the mistaken idea that, times having changed, these precepts and examples are no longer applicable.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Those who begin the day by feeding their souls well in the morning watch, those whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditate in His law day and night, such will be spiritually nourished and strong, if the Word is mixed with faith.</p>

36	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
	<p>IX.</p> <p>Joy.</p> <p>He it was whose trials abounded, who had suffered the loss of all things, who wrote the triumphant words of Romans viii. : "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? . . . Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors"—not through our love to Him, but "through Him that loved us." Let us only firmly grasp this truth, and beholding we shall reflect this joy of the Lord, and be able, not merely at some times, but at all times, to "rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Joy is a fruit of the Spirit—"love, joy, peace," etc. God has made it inseparable from the knowledge, the love, and the service of Himself. And if these are increasing, our joy will be ever increasing; and if these abound, our joy will ever abound.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	37
<p>The Lord's will is that all His people should be an unburdened people, fully supplied, strong, healthy, and happy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Obey in faith the conditions of the 1st Psalm, and you will surely be prosperous in all that you do—in everything domestic, in every business transaction, as well as in every spiritual service.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>It is the Lord's will that His people should be as the children of a king.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>We need never be afraid to recognise our own incompetence, and we have no need to minimise or hide from ourselves the magnitude of the difficulties that beset our path; exulting faith will go in the strength of the Lord, singing: "If God be for us, who can be against us?"</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Joy is of God. God Himself found His joy in Christ, the true Wisdom, ere ever the earth was. From the creation, Christ rejoiced in the habitable parts of God's earth: His "delights were with the sons of men." At the creation the angels of God shouted for joy.</p>	Joy.

38	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
Joy.	<p>What is "the joy of the Lord"? Is it joy that there is such a Lord? for we cannot realize His existence without joy. Or, is it joy that He is our Lord? for possession is a fruitful source of joy. Or, again, is it joy that He has imparted to us, and shed abroad in our hearts by His Spirit? Or, lastly, is it His own joy which is our strength? We feel no doubt that, while all these sources of joy are ours, it is to the last of them that this passage specifically refers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>When the fact of abiding [in Christ] is recognised by faith, joy is the immediate result.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>There are few things more attractive than joy, and few more are communicative. We are instinctively drawn to persons possessed of a happy countenance and a bright cheery manner. Who does not know what it is to find depression and gloom disappearing before them? they do indeed "scatter beams of sunshine."</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	39
Joy.	<p>True wisdom is "rejoicing always before Him," and "rejoicing in the habitable part of His earth;" receiving and reflecting the sunlight from above, and neutralizing, to the extent of its influence, the devil's lie, that the service of God is a gloomy thing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>It is one of the striking evidences of the love of God, that He has so secured the existence and wide diffusion of joy, that even in this sin-stricken world it is everywhere to be found. The young of all animals are naturally joyous; health and vigour make even toil a pleasure; and the lawful exercise of every faculty with which God has endowed us tends to the increase of our joy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>The birds of the air, the flowers of the field, the wild rolling ocean, and the stable glorious hills, are all sources of joy; and every social and domestic relationship of life tends to increase the sum of human happiness. It is quite clear that the God of creation would have His creatures joyful.</p>

40	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
Joy.	<p>There is no surer way of finding happiness than by heartily engaging in the work of the Lord; no more certain way of increasing our own blessings, than by endeavouring to communicate them to others; and these are not only means of obtaining happiness, but are themselves the highest and purest enjoyments we are capable of receiving.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>In this way I had more than two-thirds of my income available for other purposes; and my experience was that the less I spent on myself and the more I gave away, the fuller of happiness and blessing did my soul become. Unspeakable joy all the day long, and every day, was my happy experience. God, even my God, was a living, bright reality; and all I had to do was joyful service.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>"Be careful for nothing," is as definite a requirement as "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God . . . and thy neighbour as thyself" on the one hand, or as "Thou shalt not steal" on the other.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	41
	Joy.
<p>Like the air and the light, equally needful in every clime, and in every circumstance, the promises and assurances of God's precious Word meet us with help and comfort in all our various surroundings. It is the will of our Father that His children shall be absolutely without carefulness.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>The real secret of an unsatisfied life lies too often in an unsundered will. And yet how foolish, as well as how wrong, this is!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Each worker for Christ, in his own particular sphere, meets with many valleys and mountains, crooked places and rough ones, which God alone can deal with. Let him rejoice not only that God's power is equal to the occasion, but also that there are difficulties of such a nature as to make the putting forth of that power a visible and notable thing.</p>	

42	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
	<p style="text-align: center;">X.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Obedience.</p> <p>Let none of us be among those who will be ashamed before the Lord at His coming, on account of indifference to His last expressed wish, His last emphatic command ere He ascended on high.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Is there any one of us who is free from blood-guiltiness with regard to a perishing world? Is there any one of us whose conscience, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, can feel and say, "I have done, and am doing, all that in me lies to make a Saviour's grace and a Saviour's love known to the perishing nations of the world."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>It is just as we are faithfully living out the life He has put in us, and faithfully using the knowledge given to us, that we learn practically to know Him.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	43
<p>Where is that transformation—that renewing of our minds—which makes our bodies really living sacrifices, our very dress to speak of Christ as our adornment, our houses and homes and tables to bear witness to an untransformed world of the change which has come over us, and of the fact that we are just living with one object of life, to do the will of our God, to obey His command, to spread His Gospel to every unblessed sinner.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>We believe that the time has come for doing more fully what He has commanded us; and by His grace we intend to do it. Not to try; for we see no Scriptural authority for trying. . . . Try is a word constantly in the mouth of unbelievers. . . . In our experience, "to try" has usually meant "to fail."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>God cannot, will not, does not, bless those who are living in disobedience. But only set out in the path of obedience, and at once, before one stone is laid upon another, God is eager, as it were, to pour out His blessing. "From this day will I bless you."</p>	Obedience.

44	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
Obedi- ence.	<p>In the study of that Divine Word I learned that, to obtain successful labourers, not elaborate appeals for help, but, first, earnest prayer to God to thrust forth labourers, and, second, the deepening of the spiritual life of the Church, so that men should be unable to stay at home, were what was needed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>I saw that the Apostolic plan was not to raise ways and means, but to go and do the work, trusting in His sure Word who has said, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Praise God the number is increasing who are finding out the exceeding joys, the wondrous revelations of His mercies, vouchsafed to those who "follow Him," and, emptying themselves, leave all in obedience to His great commission.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>It is not a little thing to fall into the habit of being tardy in obedience, even in the case of a believer: in the case of the unbeliever the final issue of disobedience is inexpressibly awful.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	45
	Obedi- ence
<p>If there were any such Being as God, to trust Him, to obey Him, and to be fully given up to His service, must of necessity be the best and wisest course both for myself and others.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Self-seeking defeats itself; but the path of obedience leads to blessing. God commanded Noah and his sons to replenish the earth, but they said: "Let us build us a city and a tower . . . lest we be scattered abroad." And God had to confound their language ere they would disperse.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Oh, what majesty there is about the risen Saviour! Now, do we live sufficiently in the presence of that glorious One, and do His commands come home to our hearts with that weight and with that majesty with which they ought to come? And when we read those words, "Go ye into all the world," do we realize that they have a personal reference to each one of us?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>There must be the living out of the life of God in order that we may learn to know Him more fully and perfectly.</p>	

46	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
Obedi- ence.	<p>How much of restraint as well as of constraint we might be spared, did the Word of God dwell in us more richly and were the leadings of the Spirit more implicitly obeyed !</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>But, it may be asked, is it really possible, in the present state of the country, for our brethren to benefit the inhabitants of these remote regions? Our risen Saviour has commanded us to "go into all the world." The difficulties, it is true, can scarcely be exaggerated ; but, "The people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Why, there are swarms of ravens in China, and they would be just as willing to serve the Lord to-day as in Elisha's days. It is only men and women who are unwilling to do the will of God.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>If we are faithful to God in little things, we shall gain experience and strength that will be helpful to us in the more serious trials of life.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	47
<p>God will not give His glory to another, and has frequently to hide the results of labour that He may "hide pride from man."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Be careful of your attitude and habitude of mind and heart. Occasional good acts or words signify little ; but the half-conscious and semi-involuntary frames are the true index of spiritual growth, and constitute the essence of character.</p>	Obedi- ence.

48	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
	<p style="text-align: center;">XI.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Power.</p> <p>Why do not more Christians gladly leave all, and follow Christ in rescuing the perishing at any possible cost? Is it not because many of us, while looking forward to the future coming of His Kingdom, forget His present right to reign in the hearts of His own; and are unmindful of the blessed fact that all power is now given to Him, in heaven and in earth?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>How much more ready we are to recognize the power of wealth, of combination, of culture, of race, of habit, and of prejudice, than the power of the Holy Ghost; and to appreciate the glory of things that are seen than that of Him Who is invisible.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	49
<p>God has His spiritual as well as His natural works, and "the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus" is no more uncertain in its operations than is the law of gravitation in the natural world.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>It needs the presence of special difficulties to manifest to all the working of God's mighty power, and for such difficulties we may and should be grateful, and not cast down.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>In the Lord's work, which, if His indeed, always involves conflict against the rulers of the darkness of this world, "against spiritual wickedness in high places," alas, how often, if the true secret were discovered, might it be found that God's power was stayed, because He would not "give His glory to another."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>God is my rock and my Salvation. One only Rock, one only Salvation, one only defence is ours, and just in proportion as anything else is substituted will there be weakness, and failure and loss. Power with God will be the gauge of real power with men.</p>	Power.

50	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
	<p style="text-align: center;">XII.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prayer.</p> <p>Those prayers only will be answered which are in harmony with the revealed will of God: "If we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us; and if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him." Unless the Word of God is abiding in us, how can we be sure that our petitions are in harmony with His will?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Again, a full knowledge of the Word will often bring to our recollection appropriate promises, and thus enable us to pray with that faith and confidence which are so closely connected with answers to prayer (see Jas. i. 6, 7).</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	51
<p>Abiding in Christ and feeding upon His word will lead to a Christ-like walk, which will assure our hearts before God; "Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God; and whatsoever we ask we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>The Throne of Grace is open; the scope for petitions unlimited, save by our want of faith; and the promises are sure.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>From the commencement of my Christian life I was led to feel that the promises were very real, and that prayer was in sober matter of fact transacting business with God, whether on one's own behalf or on behalf of those for whom one sought His blessing.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Do not have your concert <i>first</i>, and then tune your instruments <i>afterwards</i>. Begin the day with the Word of God and prayer, and get first of all into harmony with Him.</p>	<p>Prayer.</p>

52	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
	<p style="text-align: center;">XIII.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rest.</p> <p>"Come unto Me . . . and . . . rest." Note well the word of Jesus, dear brother or sister, if you are heavy laden with your service, and do not mistake it. It is not "Go labour on" as perhaps you imagine. On the contrary, it is stop, turn back, "Come unto Me . . . and . . . rest."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Never, never did Christ send a heavy-laden one to work ; never, never did He send a hungry one, a weary one, a sick, or sorrowing one, away on any service. No ! for such the Bible only says, "Come, Come, Come."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Let us give up our work, our thoughts, our plans, ourselves, our lives, our loved ones, our influence, our all, right into His hand, and then, when we have given all over to Him, there will be nothing left for us to be troubled about, or to make trouble about.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	53
<p>What a comfort it is to notice how largely the Indicative Mood is used in the Scriptures. All the definiteness and assurance we can desire are conveyed by positive affirmations in the Indicative Mood ; and it is noteworthy that each encouragement is either conveyed in the present tense, or is based upon it :—"The Lord is my Shepherd ; I shall not want."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Next morning, when I awoke, I felt a little inclined to trouble ; but He gave me a word : "I know their sorrows, and I am come down to deliver them ; and certainly I will be with thee" (Exodus iii. 7, 8, 12) ; and before 6 a.m. I was as sure that help was at hand, as when, at noon, I received a letter containing more than £300.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>At every time, in every place, about every matter, if you feel heavy-laden, pause at once ; come to Jesus and rest. Pillow your head on His bosom, pour your burden into His ear, delight your soul in His love. And then, when rested and refreshed, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it," and you will find that a little word will go a long way.</p>	Rest.

54	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
Rest.	<p>What a privilege it is to be permitted to rest upon the assurance, "I will go before thee," thou shalt not be without a Guide, and "He that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness," "I will make the crooked places straight," the rugged places plain, and when thou comest up to them thou shalt find insurmountable difficulty already removed, that thy foes, like Jehoshaphat's, have slain themselves, that thou hast to strip off the spoils, and to make the valley one, not of conflict, but of praise—a Berachah.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>When the heart submits, then Jesus reigns; and when Jesus reigns, there is rest.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Is it not too common to make the best plans that we can, and to carry them out as best we may, feeling all the while a great burden of responsibility, and earnestly asking the Lord to help us? Whereas if we always let Him be our Instructor in service, and left the responsibility with Him, our strength would not be exhausted with worry and anxiety, but would all be at His disposal, and accomplish His ends.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	55
	Rest.
<p>When all is in His hand all will be safe, all will be wisely dealt with, all will be done, and well done.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Oh! the depth of the preciousness of the words, "He maketh me to lie down." Do we not know all too well what it is to be too weary to lie down—too restless to be able to take the needed quiet. But when He giveth quietness, who then can make trouble? When he maketh us to lie down, who can harass and distress?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Satan would have us try to-day to bear to-morrow's burden with only to-day's grace, and would dismay us with anticipation of troubles which loom in the distance, leading us to disobey the directions, "Take no thought for the morrow"; "Be careful for nothing."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>The assurance that "the Lord is our Shepherd," carries with it the guarantee that no one of His sheep will lack that help, that protection, that guidance, for which their varying circumstances may call.</p>	

56	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
	<p style="text-align: center;">XIV.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Satisfaction.</p> <p>"Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst." Wonderful words! Let our glad souls take in their fulness. "Shall," not "may," certainly shall; "never," by no means for ever more (lit.); "thirst," be left longing, left unsatisfied, faint, but unrefreshed. Blessed assurance of never-ending refreshment and strength:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>"But the water that I shall give him shall be (or better, "become," R.V.) in him a well of waters springing up unto eternal life." These words explain why the partaking of the Living Water is not followed by renewed thirst. The Living Water becomes a well, a fountain, always available, springing up in the believer, not only leaving no room for thirst, but overflowing for the supply of the need of others unceasingly.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	57
<p>Have we brought our vessel to Him to be filled to overflow, that being more than satisfied ourselves, we may have to give to any and every thirsty one without stint and without fear?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>It always was, and is still the Saviour's purpose to satisfy. On the occasion of the feeding of the five thousand Philip's highest thought was to procure sufficient that everyone should have a little; but the Lord took the little they already had and multiplied it in the giving, so that each one had as much as he would, and twelve baskets were filled with that which remained after all were satisfied.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>"I am the Bread of Life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst." Or more fully and literally, "He who is (habitually) coming to me, shall by no means hunger, and he who is believing on Me shall by no means thirst at any time." The Greek word is the same as that used in the passage, "No man hath seen God at any time." The habit of coming in faith to Him is incompatible with unmet hunger and thirst.</p>	Satisfaction.

58	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
Satisfaction.	<p>Let us not, however, change the Saviour's words. Note carefully He does not say, Whosoever has drunk, but "drinketh": He speaks, not of one isolated draught, but of the continuous habit of the soul. There is full and deep satisfaction at the first draught of the Living Water, which, however, is a perennial supply for constant use.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>"Shall never thirst." What a promise! How often we have thirsted! How many weary and unsatisfied hearts there are; and yet this full supply was not intended to be the special portion of some exceptionally favoured soul, for note the Saviour's word, "Whosoever drinketh," it is free to all.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>"Shall never thirst." To know that "shall" means shall, that "never" means never, that "thirst" means any unsatisfied need, may be one of the greatest revelations God has ever made to our souls.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	59
<p>"He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water"—not brooks, summer torrents, or temporary supplies, but perennial streams, rivers, and rivers of living water.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>"Pastures of tender grass." The very mention of pastures of tender grass, the mere thought of the trickling streams among the hills, or the murmuring water-courses of the plains, is refreshing; but when they are realized as His gift, His gift to me—His feeble and weary one—then the heart rejoices, and all their untold preciousness is unfolded.</p>	Satisfaction.

60	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
	<p style="text-align: center;">XV.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Service.</p> <p>The Lord does not require anything outside of that which He has given to His people, to accomplish His present purposes, whatever they may be.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>"Freely ye have received, freely give." Why is it that this fulness is so little experienced ; why is it not more enjoyed ? Simply because we fail to give freely, and thus to make room for more and more blessings by dispersing those we already possess.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>We are laden with coppers, but we will not give them to the starving poor, though by doing so we should find ourselves more richly freighted with silver ; and when that in turn was distributed, we should be left possessed of much fine gold, yea, as much as we could possibly bear.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	61
<p>By Christly giving and service we do not mean that which is done, for Christ's sake merely, but that which is after Christ's pattern. His service began with emptying Himself, involved toil and suffering all along the line, and ended only with the perfect accomplishment of the object for which He came into the world.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Whether we believe it or no, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." If we will but be givers, He will minister to us both seed for our sowing and bread for our eating, and we shall always have all sufficiency in all things, and abound in all good works.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>If we prove unfaithful stewards, if we will keep and hoard our five loaves and two small fishes, the weary multitudes will go empty away, and there will be no twelve baskets full of food left for ourselves.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>How little does the church realize how she is impoverishing herself, while she is to an awfully large extent leaving the world to perish through her unbelief, her selfishness, her parsimony !</p>	<p>Service.</p>

62	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
Service.	<p>Look up, look up, O Israel! Hea-thenism is strong, but there is One stronger. You are weak, and cannot contend against the power of the adversary; yet the temple shall be built. Not by man's might, not by human power, but by My Spirit shall the work be accomplished.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>The Christian calling is as unintelligible and as unattractive to unbelief as was the person and the work of our glorious Head.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>The Christian missionary has no heaven to leave, no divinity to lay aside, but, as a rule, he leaves a home, it may be of much comfort, for positive or comparative discomfort—at any rate he must do this if he would become at all like the majority of those he goes to save. He has a nationality which he may claim, and through which he may obtain many immunities for himself and his followers; or he may see it wiser to suffer than to do so. Nothing is easier than to find objections to this course: but it was the course that Jesus did take, and we are persuaded would still take by us.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	63
Service.	<p>Only become givers, and it is im-material whether you have five loaves or five hundred; the larger number would no more suffice, apart from Divine and multiplying power, than the smaller; but with that power, the smaller number will meet all the need, and leave abundance to spare.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>If our Lord worked through His disciples and would not work indepen-dently, how closely should we be knit together, and with what practical co-operative oneness do the work He has given us to do! Our gracious Master has told us that He is the Vine and we are the branches, and if we forget our corporate unity, He does not forget.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>All power has been given to Him in heaven and earth. Relying on His power and resources we are to go forth, counting on the Father's love (who knows what things we have need of before we ask Him); taking no anxious thought for food or raiment, but "seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness," well assured that all these things shall be added unto us.</p>

64	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
Service.	<p>Not only must missionaries suffer in going forth, but the Church must go forward in self-denial to the point of suffering. Redemption work, soul-saving work, cannot be carried on without suffering.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>The heart that never can forget, the love that never can fail, must seek the wandering sheep until the lost one has been found: "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Do not forget the importance of walking according to the light you have, while seeking for more. If you feel you are called to the work, do not fear as to the way, and the time. He will make all plain. The eye of faith looks to Jesus and walks, in spite of wind and waves, on the water.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Christ has said "to every creature"; the Church says: "No, no, no! At home, to some extent, if you like; but abroad, no! A few missionaries, if you like; but many—no! Will I impoverish myself for the sake of the perishing? No!"</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	65
Service.	<p>It is always helpful to us to fix our attention on the God-ward aspect of Christian work; to realize that the work of God does not mean so much man's work for God, as God's own work through man.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Let us see that we keep God before our eyes; that we walk in His ways, and seek to please and glorify Him in everything, great and small. Depend upon it, God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supplies.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>While never forgetting His Divine nature, the Lord Jesus never used it to resist the powers of evil, to supply His personal needs, or to claim immunities for Himself or His disciples. He steadfastly maintained His position of being in all things like unto His brethren—a lesson this too much forgotten in the prosecution of missionary service.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Brother or sister, if you are satisfied that God is calling you to go out and do a work for Him, do not expect that He will be less true to you than man would if he were to engage with you to work for him.</p>

66	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
Service.	<p>Everyone has an individual duty to perform to God ; the actions of others cannot make that a duty which is not so ; nor can the claims of duty be remitted one because of the course—right or wrong—of others. We may, and should, thank God for all the aid He gives us through others in the performance of duty ; but let us endeavour to see our way clear, independent of others ; and then, in any circumstances of trial or perplexity, we shall find the comfort of it, and not be leaning on an arm of flesh.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>We would rather dwell on the joys than on the sorrows of the work. There will always be the Cross while down here, but soon our work will be over, and the crown of His approval will be the portion of those who, through grace, have proved faithful here.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>It is not for His glory that His service should be, or should appear to be, a toilsome slavery, wearing out the life and joy of those engaged in it.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	67
Service.	<p>" Salvation is of the Lord," and a large army does not necessarily preclude His saving, much less a small one. He can use the talents and culture of a Paul, if Paul has been crucified with Christ, and no longer lives himself, but Christ lives in him, though He more commonly speaks by an unlettered Peter at a Pentecost.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>How much of the precious time and strength of our Lord was spent in conferring temporal blessings on the poor, the afflicted, and the needy. Such ministrations, proceeding from right motives, cannot be lost. They are Godlike ; they are Christlike.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>This is our weakness in this day. We do good, but we do not do good to the extent of suffering. We do good when it does not cost too much, and the consequence is that our testimony is not an effective power, and does not tell upon the world and upon the Church as it would do if there were more real following the Master. Ah ! when one thinks of Jesus, who emptied Himself, where are the followers of Jesus ?</p>

68	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
Service.	<p>The revelation of a personal Christ to those who go apart with Him into the desert of paganism is so much richer than before, that it repays all toils and trials. But for that missionaries would sometimes die or become insane.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>The Lord's people should always, with tell-tale faces, be unconsciously proclaiming that His service is a service of freedom, that the joy of the Lord is their strength, that He leads His own by right paths, and that He glorifies His own great Name in them and through them continually.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>He who commands the evangelization of the world Himself holds the key of David, "openeth and no man shutteth," and goes forth with each faithful servant to set before him the open door into which He would have him to enter.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>It is in carrying the Gospel throughout the world, in manifesting it at home and abroad, that we shall realize and learn to know God.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	69
Service.	<p>Beware of legalism in relations with God. All works done to commend ourselves to Him by our own merits are dead works, and, like all dead things, offensive to Him.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Some are jealous of being successors of the Apostles. I would rather be a successor of the Samaritan woman, who, while the Apostles went for meat and forgot souls, forgot her water-pot in her zeal to spread the good tidings.</p>

70	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
	<p>XVI.</p> <p>Sincerity.</p> <p>Oh, the need of reality in this world of shams! The world needs that this glory be given to the name of God, that this witness of true discipleship—that we “bear much fruit”—be given to Christ, in our critical, sceptical age, perhaps more than ever before.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>It is possible to sing, “My all is on the altar,” and yet be unprepared to sacrifice a ring from one's finger, or a picture from one's wall, or a child from one's family, for the salvation of the heathen; or to give up our comfortable evenings at home, and our pleasant surroundings, for contact with the lost and the loathsome in the purlieus of iniquity to be found on every hand.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>We have to take our choice: we cannot enjoy both the world and Christ.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	71
<p>May God the Holy Ghost make us real and true, and in these last days nerve us for the conflict—for our warfare is not with flesh and blood, but with wicked spirits, deceiving spirits, who can make evil seem good, and good evil, even to the very children of God.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>May we, and all our treasures, be really laid upon the altar, to be held and used, or to be parted with and disposed of as He may direct. And may we ourselves be fully consecrated to the service of our Master, making it the one supreme object of our lives to do “the will of God.”</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>How sadly possible it is to take delight in conferences and conventions, to feast on all the good things that are brought before us, and yet to be unprepared to go out from them to self-denying efforts to rescue the perishing.</p> <p>* * *</p> <p>How sadly possible it is to delight in the rest of faith while forgetful to fight the good fight of faith; to dwell upon the cleansing and the purity effected by faith, but to have little thought for the poor souls struggling in the mire of sin.</p>	Sincerity.

72	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
	<p style="text-align: center;">XVII.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Soul-Seeking.</p> <p>The Lord Jesus commands, commands me, commands you, my brother, and you, my sister. "Go," says He, "go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Shall we say to Him, "No, it is not convenient"? shall we tell Him that we are busy fishing and cannot go? that we have bought a piece of ground and cannot go? that we have purchased five yoke of oxen or have married, or are engaged in other and more interesting pursuits, and cannot go?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Ere long "we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body." Let us remember, let us pray for, let us labour for the unevangelized Chinese, or we shall sin against our own souls.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	73
<p>Perhaps, if there were more of that intense distress for souls that leads to tears, we should more frequently see the results we desire.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Sometimes it may be that while we are complaining of the hardness of the hearts of those we are seeking to benefit, the hardness of our own hearts, and our own feeble apprehension of the solemn reality of eternal things, may be the true cause of our want of success.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>"He that goeth forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Perhaps if there were more of that intense distress for souls that leads to tears, we should more frequently see the results we desire.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>I felt condemned, too, that I should have been so anxious for my few things, while the many precious souls around me had caused so little emotion.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Is it so hard-hearted, so wicked a thing to neglect to save the body? Of how much sorer punishment, then, is he worthy who leaves the soul to perish, and Cain-like says, "Am I my brother's keeper?"</p>	Soul-Seeking

74	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
	<p style="text-align: center;">XVIII.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Suffering.</p> <p>We are called when we suffer to take it patiently—and more than patiently, thankfully and joyfully—because seen from a right point of view there is neither ground nor excuse for impatience, but on the contrary, abundant cause for overflowing thanks and joy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>“Till He come,” our Master expects each of His followers to do well, to suffer for it, and to take it patiently. He is still an example for us; and we should follow in His steps, who did well; who suffered not for Himself but for us.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>“The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church” has become a proverb, a proverb true, however, so long, and so long only, as the Church sees and appreciates her calling.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	75
<p>If we want to know the power of His resurrection, we must also know the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable to His death.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>“Even hereunto were ye called.” To what then are we called? To do well, to suffer for it, and to take it patiently. “A pretty calling,” says unbelief, and turns away in disgust. “Sad, but true,” responds many a true but sad heart. “I thank Thee, O Father,” says strong faith joyfully, “for so it seemed good in Thy sight.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Not by resisting, but by dying. He overcame him who had the power of death, even the devil. Such was the lesson taught in the life of the Lord Jesus;—who wishes to learn it? “He that hath ears to hear let him hear,”—“for even hereunto were ye called.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>To be absent from the body! to be present with the Lord! to be free from sin! And this is the end of the worst that man's malice can ever bring upon us.</p>	Suffering.

76	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
Suffering.	<p>I don't know how it is but the boards seem to me to grow harder than they ever were. (Boat travelling.) However, I can pass a night very contentedly, if not always very comfortably; and if I never fare worse it will be long before I complain of "the hardships of missionary life."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>I seem to be writing from the inner chamber of the King of kings—surely this is holy ground. I am striving to write a few lines from the side of a couch on which my darling little Gracie lies dying. . . . It was no vain nor unintelligent act when, knowing the land, its people and its climate, I laid my wife and the darling children with myself on the altar for His service.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>The hatred and contempt of the Cantonese was very painful, "foreign devil," "foreign dog," or "foreign pig," being the commonest appellations; but all this led us into deeper fellowship than I had ever known before with Him who was "despised and rejected of men."</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	77
<p>I believe that we shall see those successful who can in patience abide God's time. If the storm come, let us bow to it, but hold on to our anchor. If we cannot make much headway, let us try to hold on, and in time wind and tide will change. God may try us; He will not fail us.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Burdens such as I have never before sustained, responsibilities such as I had not heretofore incurred, and sorrows compared with which all my past ones were light, have been part of my experience. But I trust I have learned, in some feeble measure, more of the blessed truth that</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Sufficient is His arm alone, And our defence is sure."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>Not infrequently our God brings His people into difficulties on purpose that they may come to know Him as they could not otherwise do. Then He reveals Himself as "a very present help in trouble," and makes the heart glad indeed at each fresh revelation of a Father's faithfulness.</p>	Suffering.

78	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
Suffer- ing.	<p>It was with the decline of persecutions that the decline of the Church began; worldly prosperity and not adversity brought in spiritual death. And it is lack of this element—of real privation and deep suffering for Christ's sake—that enfeebles the energies of the Church at home, and causes the limited success of her missions abroad.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>God has used angelic messengers; but not as an angel did He come. If He had been born as a Roman citizen, He could not have been crucified; but Jesus became a Jew, and could therefore be subject to that death.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>It is an easy thing to sing, "I all on earth forsake;" it is not very difficult to think and honestly, though very ignorantly, to say, "I give up all to Thee and for Thee." But God sometimes teaches one that that little word "all" is terribly comprehensive. Thank God, He has left me much, very much, and above all, He never leaves us.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	79
Suffer- ing.	<p>We were to prove, however, that no unforeseen mischance had happened, but that these circumstances which seemed so trying were necessary links in the chain of a Divinely ordered providence, guiding to other and wider spheres.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>I had not then learned to think of God as the One Great Circumstance in Whom we live, and move, and have our being; and of all lesser, external circumstances, as necessarily the kindest, wisest, best, because either ordered or permitted by Him. Hence my disappointment and trial were very great.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>It is comparatively easy to take a low place when others are ready to exalt you, or to appreciate the spirit which leads to it. But when these you feel to be far beneath you—in mind, in civilization, in almost everything—treat you as all but savages, . . . and when you know that you only need to take the upper hand, . . . there is a great temptation to do so.</p>

80	HUDSON TAYLOR'S
Suffering.	<p>We who only see so small a part of the sweet issues of trial often feel that we would not for anything have missed them ; how much more shall we bless and magnify His name when all the hidden things are brought to light !</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>The great enemy is always ready with his oft-repeated suggestion, " All these things are against me." But oh, how false the word ! The cold, and even the hunger, the watchings and sleeplessness of nights of danger, and the feeling at times of utter isolation and helplessness, were well and wisely chosen, and tenderly and lovingly meted out.</p>

CHOICE SAYINGS.	81
<p style="text-align: center;">XIX.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Winning Christ.</p> <p>When flesh and heart fail, when our fondest hopes and desires are crossed, when it is quite clear to us that it is His will, not ours, that is being done, and our hearts are still enabled to rejoice in that will—then indeed do we win Christ ; and oh, what a winning is that !</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>In the case of many a believer it may be truthfully said that Christ has a large place in his heart, though he could not perhaps fully say, Christ is all, in all ; much that is gain to him has not yet become loss that he might win Christ.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * *</p> <p>How may we win Christ ? By gladly surrendering, on our part, that which naturally we should most value, in His service ; and also by heartily acquiescing in each loss and each cross which a Father's love ordains.</p>	

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